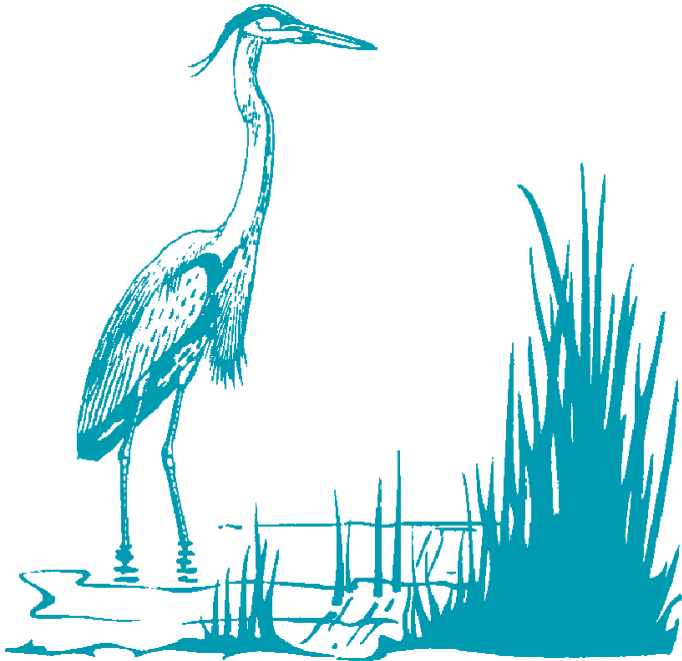


Soil Conservation

Soil that erodes annually from Indiana's landscape would fill enough full size pickups to reach the moon—and return!

The Division of Soil Conservation helps landowners keep soil and nutrients in place and productive.

Control of soil and water runoff can increase profits for farms and developments, decrease food costs, reduce flood damage, and improve water quality for humans and wildlife.



A Lake is a Reflection of its Watershed

A watershed is the land area that drains into a particular body of water - such as a wetland, stream or lake.

Soil erosion, excess fertilizer, and uncontrolled runoff from watersheds around lakes and rivers impairs recreational use, destroys fish and wildlife habitat, reduces flood control capacity, and pollutes drinking water supplies.

The LARE Program enhances and protects water quality in Indiana's lakes and rivers!

Lake and River Enhancement

The Lake and River Enhancement Program (LARE) provides technical support and funding for lake and watershed studies, agricultural practices to improve water quality, constructed wetlands to reduce soil erosion and nutrient runoff, and related watershed projects.

Since 1987, over 140 lakes and 45 watersheds in 42 counties have benefited from the \$830,000 a year in grant and cost-share assistance that is generated by a state-collected \$5 annual boat fee.

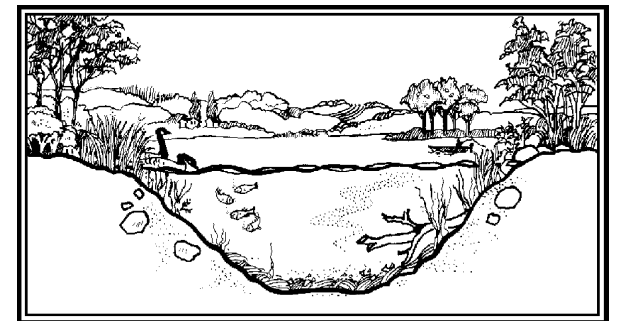
Restoration and Protection of Wolf Creek

For years, Wolf Creek and other small streams have been carrying sediment, debris, and excess fertilizer from eroding stream banks and farm fields to the Upper Wabash River between New Corydon and Bluffton.

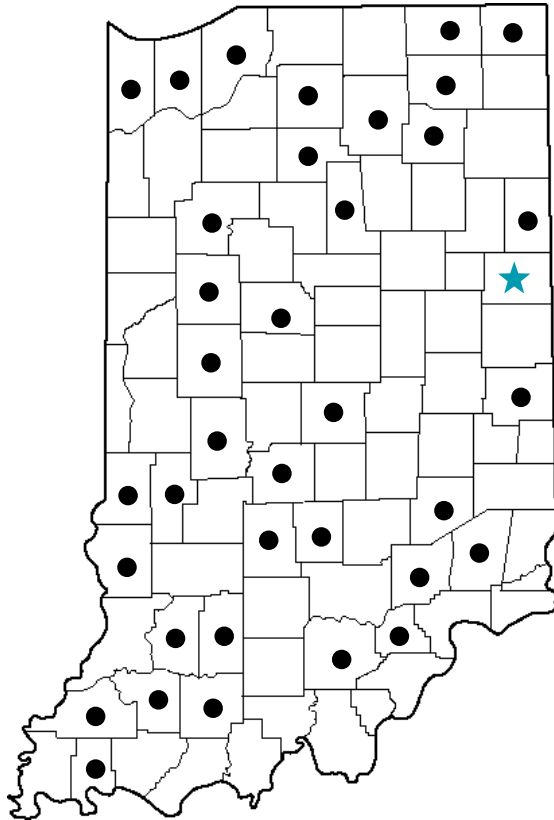
In 1997, the Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) acquired LARE funds for a cost-share program to monitor water quality, reduce erosion and animal waste problems, and restore stream habitat along Wolf Creek.

Landowners in the watershed are reducing flooding and improving water quality by:

- Planting hay to protect fragile soils;
- Installing rock chutes, sediment basins, and grassed waterways to reduce the erosive energy of water; and
- Managing livestock waste for productive use rather than degrading water quality.



Lake And River Enhancement Project Sites



- Each dot represents a county containing one or more LARE Projects.
- ★ Wolf Creek is located in Jay County – represented by a star.

You Can Get Involved!

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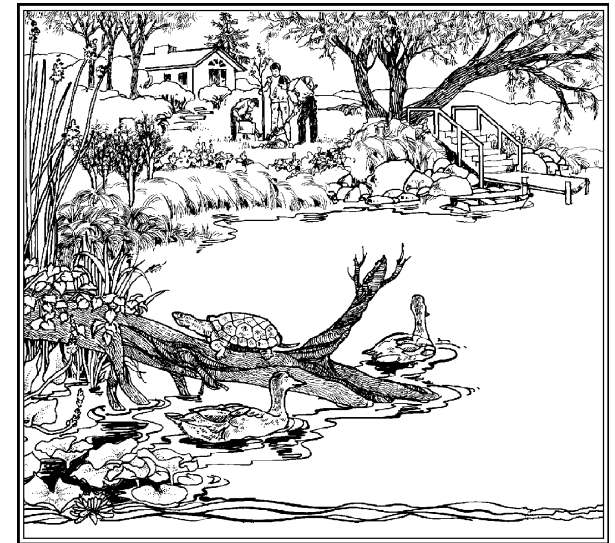


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